

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Cross Ranch State Park “Wild West Weekend”

Cross Ranch State Park celebrates the history and spirit of the “Old West” with its Wild West Weekend, July 17-19.

Several family oriented activities are scheduled for the western-themed weekend at Cross Ranch which is located 12 miles southeast of Hensler or about 20-miles southwest of Washburn.

Friday’s events include a Stick Pony Rodeo at 2 p.m. A variety of kid friendly rodeo activities are planned including barrel racing, roping, stick horse judging, and best dress young cowboy and cowgirl. At 8 p.m. there will be a wild west reenactment and at 9 p.m. a movie will help participants explore the days of yesteryear. Awards will be given to those wearing their best cowboy/cowgirl outfits. All the action takes place at the amphitheater near the River People Visitor Center.

Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m., there will be a Stick Pony Rodeo and Cowboy Crafts activity at the “Rodeo Arena” near the visitor center. From 3 to 6 p.m. there will be a demonstration of Cowboy Dutch Oven cooking; frontier living history presentations; reenactments; and wagon rides. At 8 p.m. prizes for “Best Western Campsite” and “Best Dressed” cowboy and cowgirls will be given. Completing the evening at 9 p.m., meet with Buffalo Bill Cody at the amphitheater.

Sunday, from 8-10 a.m., there will be Cowboy Coffee and Conversation. Meet at the “Rodeo Area” for genuine Cowboy Dutch Oven sweets, coffee, and further discussions of the “Old West.”

For further information about the weekend call Cross Ranch State Park at 701-794-3262. Camping reservations can be made by calling 800-807-4723 or online at <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov>.